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May 6, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve \$600,000 of Highways-Through-Cities funding for the City of Paramount.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project to resurface Rosecrans Avenue is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited in this letter and the project record.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3905, which finds that the proposed resurfacing of Rosecrans Avenue, within the City of Paramount, is of general County interest and provides County aid in the amount of \$600,000 from the Road Construction Program included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget for the project.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to adopt the attached resolution that will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds to resurface Rosecrans Avenue from Orange Avenue to Century Boulevard, which is entirely within the City of Paramount.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). By resurfacing Rosecrans Avenue, residents of the City of Paramount and nearby unincorporated County communities who travel on this street will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,200,000 with \$600,000 being financed by the County of Los Angeles and \$600,000 by the City of Paramount. Funding for this project is available from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The attached resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Sections 1680-1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county aid may be extended for this purpose. County aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment, materials, or a direct payment to the City.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project to resurface Rosecrans Avenue in the City of Paramount is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA guidelines because the project consists of minor alterations of existing public facilities (existing streets, bicycle lanes, pedestrian crosswalks, and similar facilities) for the purpose of improving public safety.

The City of Paramount, which is the lead agency for this project, determined that the project was categorically exempt on March 26, 2007.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This project will enhance motorists safety by improving Rosecrans Avenue.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two certified copies of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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SA:sc

Attachment

c: County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 3905

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the proposed resurfacing of Rosecrans Avenue, within the City of Paramount, is of general County interest and that County aid, in the form of a contribution of \$600,000, shall be extended for this purpose from the Road Fund Budget, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax.
2. Provided; however, that if the aforementioned work has not been started within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the County warrant in payment of the aforementioned contribution, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund Budget.
3. Provided further, that immediately upon completion of the work, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the aforementioned work, and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund Budget.

The foregoing resolution was on the 6th day of MAY, 2008, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By [Signature]
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By [Signature]
Deputy

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT,
CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING AN ALLOCATION AND PAYMENT OF COUNTY
HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Paramount (City) is proposing to resurface Rosecrans Avenue from Orange Avenue to Century Boulevard, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is entirely within the geographical boundaries of City; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to City and the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, under the Highways-Through-Cities program, the County provides financial assistance to cities for the improvement of highways, which provides regional benefit, as provided for in Sections 1680-1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested that the County provide assistance to the City under the Highways-Through-Cities program by providing funds in the amount of \$600,000 (the Funds) to finance a portion of the total cost of PROJECT, which total is estimated to be \$1,200,000; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to providing the Funds, the County requires the City to adopt this resolution to be binding upon the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Paramount does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Responsibility for Project – The City's Department of Public Works shall administer and be responsible to complete the PROJECT.

SECTION 2. Consent to Expending Highways-Through-Cities funds – To accept the Funds from the County on behalf of the City and to consent to the expenditure of the Funds for the aforementioned work, pursuant to all applicable provisions of the law relating to funds derived from the Highway User Tax, as provided for in Sections 1680-1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code. Provided, however, that if the aforementioned work has not been started within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of delivery of the Funds as advance payment, the City shall return said entire Funds to the County. Immediately upon completion of the work, the City shall render to the Director of Public Works of County an itemized statement showing the application of the Funds or any part thereof for the proposed improvements, and if any portion of the Funds shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified,

the amount of the Funds so remaining unexpended shall be returned immediately to the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 3. Indemnification. Notwithstanding the provisions of Government Code Section 895, et. seq., or any other agreement between the County and the City (including that certain Assumption of Liability Agreement No. 32384), City shall release and shall fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the County of Los Angeles and its special districts, and their supervisors, officers, officials, agents, and employees from and against any claims, demands, liability, damages, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, involving bodily injury, death or personal injury of any person or property damage of any nature whatsoever, arising out of in connection with the PROJECT.

SECTION 4. Finding of Categorical Exemption – The City does hereby find that the PROJECT is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Class (c), of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

SECTION 5. Binding Effect – Upon the County providing the Funds, this Resolution shall irrevocably bind the City to the terms and condition herein.

SECTION 6. Adoption – To instruct the City Clerk to certify the adoption of this Resolution and shall forward a certified copy to the Director of Public Works of County for processing.

Passed, approved, and adopted this on _____ day of _____, 2008.

Mayor of the
City of Paramount